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1. REPORT CITED REFTEL LIKELY ORIGINATED FROM RUMORS AND INACCURATE NEWSPAPER PLAY WHICH PRECEDED INSTRUCTION ISSUED ON/ABOUT 16 JULY BY FEDERAL MARITIME POLICE. INSTRUCTION CLARIFIED ADMINISTRATION OF DECREE LAW 1470 (TOURIST DEPOSIT LAW), SPECIFYING THAT PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS IN BRAZIL WHO ARE NATIONALS OF PARAGUAY, CHILE, ARGENTINA, OR URUGUAY AND ARE TRAVELLING TO THOSE COUNTRIES ON IDENTITY CARDS (RATHER THAN PASSPORTS) ARE EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF THE DEPOSIT. ACCORDING TO BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS, EXEMPTION IN SUCH CASES DERIVES FROM PRIOR AGREEMENTS BETWEEN BRAZIL AND THE FOUR COUNTRIES, WHICH PROVIDE FOR FACILITATED BORDER CROSSING ON IDENTITY CARDS BY NATIONALS OF THE SIGNATORY STATES.

2. INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED JULY 16 RE-STATE PRIOR DEPOSIT REQUIRE-MENT WITH REGARD TO TRAVEL BY THESE PERSONS TO STATES OTHER THAN PARAGUAY, CHILE, ARGENTINA, OR URUGUAY, AND IN REGARD TO TRAVEL ABROAD--REGARDLESS OF DESTINATION--BY PERMANENT RESIDENT ALIENS OF OTHER NATIONALITIES (INCLUDING AMERICANS).

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